Editor's Notes

By Abbie Brown

N*o more pencils, no more books...* (sung to the tune of...well, *No More Pencils, No More Books*, a childhood favorite). For many of us, this issue coincides with the end of the school year. Graduation ceremonies are either just about to begin or have just ended. It is a time for reflection on the successes and challenges of the past year as well as a time to gear up for summer classes and to look toward the new school year that will be upon us all too soon.

For me (and I do not think I am alone in this) this is also a season when there is a bit more time to experiment with new tools. It is a time to “mess around” with hardware, software, and innovative design strategies in the hopes that a few of these will help me develop and deliver more effective instruction. The articles in this issue may help all of us better understand new and different tools and strategies; they may even help us develop and deliver better instruction. In this issue, along with the regular contributions from our excellent columnists,

- Atsusi Hirumi, Bob Appelman, Lloyd Rieber and Richard Van Eck,

explore game design as an instructional design process in part 1 of a three-part article on preparing instructional designers for game based learning.

- Bradford Hosack introduces Video-ANT, an online video annotation tool.
- Stephanie Huffman provides guidance for citing sources within multimedia presentations.
- Oliver Lawrence describes a successful videoconferencing collaboration between students, teachers and guest speakers in Cape Town and Chicago.
- Sue Byrd Steinweg, Sarah Carver Williams, and Joy Neal Stapleton provide examples of practical uses of tablet PCs in teacher education programs and K-12 classrooms.

The articles and columns in this issue of, *TechTrends*, provide a wealth of information about new technologies, and new design and planning strategies to experiment with in preparation for the summer and the new academic year. And, read Michael Spector's, *Are We Dead Yet?*, in this issue to be reminded just how important planning is!

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